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Institute—Winter Session opens January 5, 1869. R. E. Thomson. 4-2

A Big Blessing

Is a million to sell a Strasburg, Blasting is no error. Testing is not, and will be standard of all who use it. Pure Paint will stand the test on the rock of truth.

The Grand Clearance Sale of Furs.

In accordance with its general business policy and determination to close out its entire stock of Furs at the end of the season, E. M. Wood avails himself of the present favorable opportunity to offer to the public the choicest and most magnificent assortment of goods in this line ever offered in this market, and at prices that will defy competition. The stock is to be disposed of commencing on the 1st of January, and ending on the 1st of February next. During this time, and for the purpose of more effectually carrying out this determination, and now the advantages to be made still greater by a reduction on their present already low prices, the entire stock of Mr. Fleming as a business man in the community is a sufficient guarantee of the genuine character of the goods, and that no one need fear to purchase of him, but that what is advertised will be found to be strictly true. Call and satisfy yourself on this point.

Two Dry Goods at Auctioneer's Special Re-duction Sale on Monday.

Cassimeres, good Black Plaids,
Cassimeres, good Dark Plaids,
Cassimeres, good Fancy Stripes,
Cassimeres, good Cadet Mixtures,
Cassimeres, Fancy Cassimeres,
Satin Linens, Satin Stripes, Plaids, Tweeds, new and desirable goods,
Bonnet Silks, Gros Grains, Corneis, Rich Brocade Velvets, Velveteens, Velvet Plushes, in new goods at greatly reduced prices.
Also, a lot of Dress Goods, from 37½ cents to 50 cents, worth from 75 cents to $1.
Also, a lot of Linen Handkerchiefs, at 12½ cents, worth 25 cents.
Also, a lot of Linen in the Cambrillion, reduced from 25 cents.
Now come Morning Dress, new stripe Delaines, stripe Poplins, linen Lawns and Muslin Robes.
Also, a lot of Linen white Cotton Flannels, all wool, very choice styles, Scarlet, Fancy Blankets, some special bargains in new goods.
Also, a lot of Apparel, Ladies' Cloth Sacques, greatly reduced in price.
Also, a lot of Black Velveteens, superior quality.
Also, a lot of Apparel, all grades in Cambrillion.
Ladies' Furs, of all grades, at greatly reduced prices. Remember the place to call, on west corner of Market street and Fourth avenue, No. 56. S. S. Goehring.

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NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

James Billinghast has been appointed General Superintendent of the New York Central Railroad.

The loss by the burning of the vessel shipped by the Pacific Railroad Company was $300,000; insurance $90,000.

Taylor's lumber yard at Troy, N. Y., was damaged by fire to the extent of $50,000, Friday morning.

The negro troubles at Opelousas, La., continue. The citizens are organizing to put down the insurrection.

The first that furnace in Chicago commenced operations on Saturday. It is known as the Chicago Iron Company, and is located four miles from the center of the city. When fairly started it will be able to manufacture about twenty tons of pig iron per day.

The well known rifle shot, Caleb Gilbs, was accidentally shot dead at a shooting match in Detroit, on Saturday, by Henry F. Balcom.

Henry P. Baldwin, of Detroit, Governor elect of Michigan, took the oath of office at Lansing, Friday. The Legislature convened there next Wednesday.

The Minnesota Legislature convenes to-day. Messrs. Ramsey, Donnelly and Wilkinson are canvassing their chances for Senator, though the former has the inside track.

A proclamation will be published to-day, calling a grand popular convention at Charlestown, Tennessee, on the 22d of February to nominate Congress candidates favorable to the improvement of the Tennessee River and the construction of Minor Canals are requested, signed by governors Brownlow, of Tennessee; Bullock, of Georgia; Smith, of Arkansas; Holden, of Kentucky, and Vance, of North Carolina.

The Legislature of Iowa, in view of the results of the recent trade in Commerce, and the importance of the Mississippi River to the commerce of the North and West, and upon the basis of the Pittsburgh report, have taken steps to send three delegates to the Memphis Convention, and will urge the appointment of three more from each Congressional district in the State.

It has transpired that land thieves have forged the titles to, and sold over ten thousand acres of land in DeKalb and Caldwell counties, Missouri. Some of the parties concerned are now in jail at St. Joseph.

The late Western Distributing Association, organized and located at Kansas City, Missouri, and which has sold tickets throughout the West and Southwest, has gone into liquidation, and has offices closed by the Sheriff.

Joseph W. Lewis, the Boston broker who was reported missing, has turned up. He published a card, dated on the day he was reported missing, in which he says he was compelled to avoid bankruptcy, which left him in a condition mentally and physically disgusting and, and which he could not face. He says his creditors will find me at my office, prepared to show how every cent I took has been invested, and where and by whom my money has been lost."

The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad is now finished to Altoville, eighty-one miles west of Des Moines. The Valley Railroad bridge over the Des Moines river at Des Moines is also completed.

The report of the State Treasurer of Missouri shows that from February 4th, 1865, to December 28th, 1868, the amount received into the State Treasury has been $23,035,855. During the same time the State has paid out, on account of congressional claims, $1,000,000; Auditor's warrants, $7,395,000; Union military bonds and interest warrants, $331,700. There is now on hand in the Treasury $1,000,000, the greater part of which will soon be increased to about $2,000,000, by the receipt of taxes. The total amount of State bonds issued since October 20th, is $2,000,000. The State bonds outstanding January 1st, 1869, amount to $9,000,000.

Snow has fallen to the depth of twenty inches at Binghamton, New York, and trains are several hours behind time.

Saturday afternoon, a fire took out-lasting $20,000, principally in cotton. Bonds and railroad scrip, $25,000 negotiable, were taken from the office of Bierwirth & Richards, of Pine street, New York. The loss was recovered from the bank about 2 A. M. on Sunday morning. Some of the bonds were found in a vacant lot on Pine street, and the remainder, a large amount, in the street. A large reward is offered for the discovery of the perpetrators of the robbery.

A serious accident occurred at the skating rink, in Auburn, New York, Saturday evening, by the falling in of the roof of the building by the weight of snow upon it. At the time there were about fifty persons on the ice. Four children were seriously injured, one of them, a little girl, had a leg broken. The others are more or less bruised. The building was a large number of mechanics, engaged in Seymour Dimmock, at Washington, D. C., have failed, not to exist longer in the Women's Rights Convention to be held in Washington this month.

It was reported in Memphis last night that the militia in Benton, Arkansas, had taken a long position there, and that, in all, total them up, the actual cost would be considerably less to the south and other than to both. The names of Dr. Holcombe and John Phelps, two well-known citizens of that place, are mentioned in connection with the murders. Two negroes were lynched last Monday night, and the excitement is now quieting down.

The new suspension bridge at Niagara Falls was thrown open to the public on Saturday. It is the largest span on the continent.

STATE NEWS.

Brooks and Owen, the two thieves who first robbed and then murdered George Bradford, at the Delaware Water Gap, a few months since, were sentenced to be hung on Friday of the coming week, and Saturday were confirmed in the finding.

George S. Twitchell, on trial in Philadelphia for two weeks past for the murder of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary E. Hill, was found guilty of murder in the first degree, Friday evening.

Rev. John C. Knauss, of Harrisburg, donated to the orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, Berks county, one thousand dollars on a New-year gift.

During the past year fifteen lives were lost by ship casualties in Philadelphia, eleven more than in the previous year.

The Coroner of Philadelphia in his statistics for 1868, says: "The number of cases of homicide in this city during the past year, is eleven more than in the year 1867. This shows a fearful increase in the crime of murder, which is sufficient to excite considerable alarm in the community. It is almost impossible to suggest any remedy for this evil which could be passed, but some legislation there might tend to considerably lessen the number of the miserable wife are slaughtered by unnatural mothers."

In Canonsburg, Crawford county, on the 27th ult., the ice was cleared from a stream of water, and the engine house immediately and the fire extinguished. Loss $1,000; insured for $500 in the Citizens' Church. This is the oldest Baptist organization north of Pittsburgh, and one of the oldest in the State. It was organized in 1792, and has been in continuous existence ever since. It has had but seven pastors in all, and but six have been members since it was established in 1792.

General Grant on Thursday visited Girard College, Philadelphia, and made a brief speech to the pupils, urging them to steadfast fidelity to their studies, when they would be fitted not only to be a credit to the noble philanthropy which now fed, clothed and educated them.

Major Fox, of Philadelphia, after his inauguration on Friday, appointed Joseph Snow, late City Recorder, to be Chief of Police, vice John Lamon, and Chairman Kerr to be Commissioner of Markets, vice Ackerman. Justice Pugsley is retained on the detective force.

The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Fruit Growers' Society will be held in the supreme court room, at Harrisburg, on the third Wednesday in January, being the 20th, 21st, and 22d days of the month. Now that the Legislature is again in session, and will remain there for some weeks to come, it will be a favorable time for all interested in horticulture to attend, and exhibit such fruits as they may have on hand.

Isaac Harris, of the firm of D. Harris & Co., dry goods dealers and oil operators of Titusville, was accidentally killed on the railroad track near Franklin, Friday morning. He was on his way to Titusville, by the failing of an axle pulley upon him.

A division foreman on Christmas day stood indignity on the track of the Reading Railroad at Bellegrove, transfixing his feet at the approaching locomotive. When engineer got off the engine to help him, he would be out of danger, but ignored all of the invitations, which in a moment and aim flying from the track with a frightful oath, and was run down, losing the stumps of both his feet.

The Pacific and Atlantic Telegraph Company have opened an office in the postoffice at the House of Representatives, in the Capitol at Washington.

A brutal murder was committed near Shippensburg on Wednesday last. Adam Elias killed Henry Stum, in order to obtain some forty dollars in money in possession of his victim. On Friday Elias buried the body of Stum, which led to the discovery of the murder, and finally led to the arrest of the murderer. Both men were Germans. The murder had terminated great excitement in the upper end of Cumberland county.

A Remarkable Case.

It would seem as if nature, having finished the rest of the world in an ordinary and solid frame of mind, gave way to her fruitfulness when she came to Pennsylvania. Coal lay lightly in more accessible hillsides than a fortune, or a tree which stands the bark instead of the wood. Anthracite is the form of creation. But coal of the oldest and most magnificent, from which nothing but the finest of the finest can be made, and from which diamonds would be a natural product, is found in Pittsburgh, a commercial fact which astonishes the English people. It is a native curiosity that ought to be noised abroad, and the world ought to be pained, to continue what the government pictures of the Centennial Exhibition, and the Pittsburgh exhibition of iron, which gave it a world-wide reputation. Coal is the basis of the Pittsburgh trade, and it is unknown as a source of fortune the local growth and commercial importance of this

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There is reason to believe that the United States Supreme Court decision on the constitutionality of the Legal Tender act will be promulgated early this week, but nothing concerning the character has transpired.

The concession of sailing Englishmen, ourselves, on Saturday, in view of the expression of public opinion in the late elections, and especially following the fitness of the negro as a voter, declared in favor of universal suffrage and universal amnesty.

The latest edition of Colonel speculations makes free use of the following names: Chester Parker Arthur, for Secretary of State; Gen. Sherman, for Secretary of War; E. B. Washburne, for Secretary of the Interior; Horace L. Wilder, for Secretary of the Treasury; Doctor A. Pinkus, for Secretary of the Navy, with the Postmaster Generalship and Attorney Generalship not disposed of.

Superior Horton estimates the amount of gold in this country, at the lowest, at $200,000,000. Those who consider his views estimate it at $400,000,000, they arguing that Americans going abroad have taken out more than foreign emigrants have brought in. The disagreement on what must in any measure looking to the resumption of specie payments be the practical idea, indicates the difficulties in obtaining a solution of the question.

A St. Louis paper is warning to suppress the Chickasaw and Cherokee Indians, says these tribes are opposed to the transfer of the Indian Bureau to the War department and in favor of a separate department. So are the negroes, whose statesmanship fully fills such views of enlightenment. It is doubtful, however, whether Congress will condescend to take the advice of either, although the statement here is known to be very good in the United States Senate.

The emigrant classes of the New York Tribune, after having found their of thirty-two cents per day of service and board, all but four cents of which or less for fuel, liquor drinking or squandering something like a panic. There is more room to know more fully what all is. Promising that the New York article and benefit is probably neither better nor worse than the average of what is found the country over, it may be stated that half of it is a medium stuff which rather have the stomach, instead the intestines, and generally sends the digestive organs to the grave in the opposite direction and not certain manner possible. Since a great unfriendly friendships are now [illegible] of what they are drinking and [illegible] themselves, it may reasonably be concluded that some of them will begin to [illegible] soon.

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"A fight from the Atlantic and Great Western" [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

It is generally expected that Reddy would witness the tightest "squeeze" of the season in the latter portion of last week. The Northern traders were bringing their customers into town, and depositors and collectors were expected to "realize" with a view to closing until Monday. Everybody was disposed to accommodate the other fellow to the utmost distance would permit, and although in many instances accommodation was extended beyond endurance, the "squeeze" did not come. The people way would be to demand a statement whenever it passed the Comptroller. The banks would be in a position to be right all the time. So it may be perfectly serious to see monies and then reform in time to make a good exhibit at the time appointed by the general system. The latter really deserves the credit. The plan proposed would soon drive out of circulation all the irredeemable rags that are now afloat, and the country would be relieved from a large proportion of their source.

There remains to be said only in any of our local banks, but are very pertinent to some of the New York city banks whose affairs have in the past quarter been rendered them odious in the sight of the business men.

—The following statement exhibits the business of the Pittsburgh Clearing House for the week ending Saturday, December 26th:

	Exchanges.	Balances.
December 21	$ 3,000,000	$ 450,000
December 22	2,500,000	350,000
December 23	2,000,000	300,000
December 24	1,500,000	250,000
January 7	1,000,000	150,000
Total	$10,000,000	$1,500,000

—United States securities have shown more firmness, and hence are more in demand. There is a tendency to speculation in bonds, upon the supposition that the Secretary will make a large purchase of the class of securities, which, in connection with the demand for the redemption of bonds, will carry up prices sufficient to pay handsomely. Gold has been quiet and steady.

—Gold has continued to rise in Boston, the price having advanced from 131 to 131½, a circumstance most unfavorable to trade, from the borrowing of gold from abroad to be sold for currency, and the consequent rise of the gold premium is on the most unfavorable of the present instances.

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U. S. Coupon 5's, 1874	112½	112½	112½	112½	112½	112½
U. S. 7-30 Treasury Notes	107½	107½	107½	107½	107½	107½
U. S. 1-year Certificates	100	100	100	100	100	100
Gold	131½	131½	131½	131½	131½	131½
Pacific Mail Stock	210	210	210	210	210	210
Western Union Telegraph	33½	33½	33½	33½	33½	33½
Quicksilver	34½	34½	34½	34½	34½	34½
Canton Co.	50	50	50	50	50	50
Cumberland Coal	30	30	30	30	30	30
New York Central	192½	192½	192½	192½	192½	192½
Erie	93½	93½	93½	93½	93½	93½
Hudson River	140	140	140	140	140	140
Reading	100	100	100	100	100	100
Michigan Southern	93½	93½	93½	93½	93½	93½
Illinois Central	140	140	140	140	140	140
Cleveland & Pittsburgh	93½	93½	93½	93½	93½	93½
Chicago & Rock Island	107½	107½	107½	107½	107½	107½
Pittsburgh & Fort Wayne	100	100	100	100	100	100
Chicago & Northwestern	85	85	85	85	85	85
Chicago & Northwestern Preferred	90	90	90	90	90	90

—The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Co. announce a stock dividend of five per cent., clear of tax, on the preferred and common stock of this company, payable on the 15th instant, to the stockholders as they shall stand registered on the books of the company on the 4th inst. These stock dividends are steadily and largely increasing the capital of the company, but in each, the value of the whole stock is increased, which must be the case, for as we frequently see how the multiplication of paper certificates which nominally increase the capital, unless the property itself of which it is the basis or the earnings being employed in the business of the company are increased in the same proportion, the stock of the shareholders is depreciated. We do not say that this has been exactly the case with the Reading stock, but it is not doing so the other way, because it has been exceedingly well managed, and the dividends are declared out of the earnings of the company. We do not know what the intention of the leading company of the State may be in this matter, but we do believe that, against the credulity, which has so often cost it heavy and the credit.

—James W. Kennedy, Esq., No. 31 Pine street, Pittsburgh, is the agent for Central States Bonds, State and City Securities, Railroad Bonds, Insurance and Miscellaneous Stocks. Being represented in the New York Stock Board every day while in session, he transacts such business on commission as may be entrusted to him on the most favorable terms. Orders by telegraph or letter will receive prompt and faithful attention. Correspondence solicited.

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SHOES AND HOSIERY.

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CITY MATTERS.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Law Library Committee Appointed—Bankruptcy Business Total Loss.

District Court—Judges Hampton and Bidgewell.

The usual Saturday business was transacted in this Court, and no cause of public importance was taken up.

Law Library Committee Appointed.

The following order appointing a law library committee was made:

And now, to wit, in accordance with the provisions of an act entitled "An act relative to the purchase of a law library in the county of Allegheny, approved April 16, 1867, the Judges of the several courts, to appoint James Veech, Esq., chairman, Dr. John W. Riddell, John H. Hampton, and Thomas J. Keenan, a committee of five members of the bar, with full power to act in accordance with the requirements of said act, and the said committee to have access as such until the first day of January, 1870.

THE TRIAL LIST.

The announcement that will be taken up this week before Judge Kirkpatrick, and disposed of in the order of such cases per day, Attorneys are requested to govern themselves accordingly:

[Here follows a list of cases, numbered from 100 to 200, inclusive.]

Court of Common Pleas—Full Bench.

The usual Saturday business was transacted in this court. Jury trials will be resumed to-day, and a number of cases will be taken up, as well as prosecutions and defendants having cases on the trial list.

[Here follows a list of cases.]

Following is the trial list for Monday:

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Bankruptcy Branch United States District Court.

The following petitions for adjudication in bankruptcy were filed on Saturday from Jas. F. Hunter, Jr., and Alexander Cornwell, Allegheny county; Jas. F. Hunter, Jr., Pittsburgh; Jas. Moses Allen, Pittsburgh; Thomas Cassidy, Pittsburgh; Thomas Cassidy, Pittsburgh; Thomas Cassidy